

## NCC Minutes 11/17/08

Open meeting 7:07 p.m.

Present: D. Mason, S. Shope, L. Hill, R. LaBranche, Sel. R. Gilbert, Guests: Attn. Battles, D. Balfour of Jones and Beach and L. Hurley of Gove Env.

### 1) Vienneau subdivision:

a) D. Balfour-In general, they have reduced the number of houses from a 12 unit to a 10 unit subdivision which they have not yet submitted to D.E.S.. As this is a new plan they are not actually in violation of the D.E.S. deadline. They removed the center lot and the house on the right at the beginning of the road. They changed the eastern part of the cul-de-sac to an 18' wide reinforced grass "roadway" for emergency access only. They have shifted the entrance road to reduce impacts and reduced the number of culverts from 4 to 3 and they are now 4' x 3' open box culverts. The wetland disturbance has been decreased to 39,000 sq. ft. and the buffer impact has been decreased.

b) L. Carroll concerned about winter snowplowing and run-off. D. Balfour responded that the grass area will be hi-density polyethylene matting which is easier to maintain and that heavy snow melt/storm water will be diverted through gravel drainage areas.

c.) R. Gilbert questioned the width of the roads. D. Balfour replied that they are 22 ft. wide and they have a variance from the Planning Board. The grass area is only 18 ft. as it is really only one-way. They will need variances for the new tight radii on the entrance road. They have a letter from Civilworks, Inc. that concurs with these changes to reduce impacts.

d.) Attn. Battles- They have made these changes in response to requests from the NCC in 7/08 and the recommendations of M. West. L. Hurley to specifically address these:

- They have decreased the crossings/culverts from 4 to 3 and changed them to 4' x 3' open boxed culverts.
- Reasons for proposed initial impacts? They need access but have reduced the wetlands impacts by 50% and decreased the size of the buffer impacts.
- Impacts on plant/fish/wildlife- Originally they stated there would be no impacts. He feels they have greatly reduced the potential impacts by making the above changes. D.E.S. suggested putting the house moved outside the cul-de-sac back inside the circle and the Vienneaus opted to eliminate it completely.
- The deadline for the new submission to D.E.S. is 1/31/08.
- L. Carroll questioned the timing of the wetland impact study as M. West recommended checking the high water marks ideally in April. L. Hurley feels this is unnecessary.
- They will be submitting to the Planning Board meeting 11/20/08 then finalize their plans and submit them to D.E.S.. S. Shope will attend the PB meeting.

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e) Attn. Battles states they will provide a letter summarizing the changes. L. Hurley requests the NCC sends a letter to D.E.S. that they have complied with the recommendations of the NCC. We will do so pending a discussion with A. Watts and M. West and their review.

2) Old business:

- a) Treasurer's Report 10/08: L. Hill motions we accept, seconded by L. Carroll, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 10/08: S. Shope motions we accept, seconded by D. Mason, all in favor YES.
- c) Easement monitoring update: S. Shope
  - Houghton walk-through went fine.
  - Silverstein: S. Shope and E. Snyder reviewed baseline report but the Silversteins felt they needed to check with their lawyer before signing. The report will be filed.

3) New Business:

- a) Bills:
  - Landry: \$150 to update Silverstein re: new owner, abutters, mylar prints. S. Shope motions to pay, seconded by D. Mason, all in favor YES.
- b) Correspondence:
  - Conference on Stewardship to be held at Rye library.
  - Markers for stormwater drains available.
- c) L. Carroll- Hampstead has put together a brochure with a map of trails in the town. He would like to investigate doing this for Newfields/Exeter/Newmarket. S. Shope says Exeter has started the process. Need to differentiate public vs. private lands. L. Carroll will look into further.

4) Next meeting: 12/15/08

Adjourn 8:21 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 11/17/08